

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2011-304-C - ORDER NO. 2011-579  
AUGUST 16, 2011

IN RE: Complaint and Petition of BellSouth	)	ORDER APPOINTING
Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T	)	HEARING OFFICER
Southeast d/b/a AT&T South Carolina v.	)	
Halo Wireless, Inc. for Breach of the Parties'	)	
Interconnection Agreement	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the request filed by counsel for BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Southeast d/b/a AT&T South Carolina ("AT&T South Carolina") for the appointment of a hearing officer in Docket No. 2011-304-C regarding AT&T South Carolina's Complaint and Petition filed against Halo Wireless, Inc. We hereby grant AT&T South Carolina's request. This appointment is in order that the hearing officer may dispose of procedural and evidentiary matters pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-3-40 (Supp. 2010).

Section 58-3-40(C)(1) states that upon the request of any party or any commissioner, the commission may employ a hearing officer who may hear and determine procedural motions or other matters not determinative of the merits of the proceedings. Under (C)(2), the hearing officer has full authority, subject to being overruled by the Commission, to rule on questions concerning the conduct of the case

and other matters. Under (C)(3), the officer must be an attorney qualified to practice in all courts of this State with a minimum of eight years' practice experience.

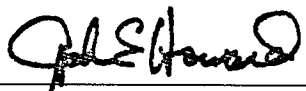
We find that F. David Butler, Esquire, meets these qualifications, and we hereby appoint Mr. Butler as hearing officer in Docket No. 2011-304-C. As hearing officer in this proceeding, we direct Mr. Butler to rule on appropriate matters in the case and dispose of procedural and evidentiary matters for this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

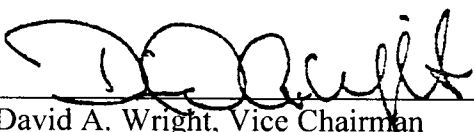
1. F. David Butler, Esquire, is hereby appointed as hearing officer in Docket No. 2011-304-C for disposition of procedural and evidentiary matters in this proceeding regarding the Complaint and Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Southeast d/b/a AT&T South Carolina against Halo Wireless, Inc.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
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John E. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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David A. Wright, Vice Chairman  
(SEAL)